

NCR-SARE 2023 Youth Educator Proposals Recommended for Funding

Project #	Title	First Name	Last Name	Primary Grantee	Project State	\$\$ Amount	Cumulative	Brief Description
YENC23-190	Kendall Agricultural Careers Field Trip Series	Ariel	Beauchamp	Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District	IL	\$ 4,222	\$ 4,222	The Kendall Agricultural Career Field Trip Series is a summer field trip series over 6 days for 9-12 grades students in Kendall County that educates and exposes youth on sustainable agriculture practices and careers by visiting local farms and agriculture industries in and around Kendall County.
YENC23-192	Hydroponics-Based Sustainable Agriculture Vocational Training Opportunity for Students with Multiple Disabilities	Holly	Dainton	Edgewood High School	OH	\$ 3,342	\$ 7,564	Students with multiple disabilities will participate in vocational training opportunities through hydroponic-based sustainable agriculture experiences in a school setting. This will inspire students not only to consider self-subsistent food practices as well as turning production into profit.
YENC23-193	You Don't Have to Be Big to Be Profitable: Teaching Youth How to Meet Community Needs, Maintain a Farm System, and Treasure Family	Sarah	Easdon	Grace Heritage Dairy	KS	\$ 6,000	\$ 13,564	Youth internship designed to empower youth through hands-on experience and mentorship in goat microdairy and meat herd management. Sustainable education includes debt-free business planning, small-scale livestock production, targeted rotational grazing, value-added direct marketing, and agritourism.
YENC23-194	G.E.A.R. (Gahanna Employability Adult Readiness) Gardens Project	Corinne	Fields	Gahanna Jefferson School	OH	\$ 5,945	\$ 19,509	The goal is to develop and maintain an inclusive and self-funded agricultural program with a Christmas tree farm, wildflower garden, hydroponics, and pumpkin patch. Our GEAR Gardens Project will teach transition-age individuals with special needs employability and adult readiness skills.

YENC23-195	Fueling Future Minds	Amelia	Hayden	Osseo-Fairchild School District	WI	\$ 5,995	\$ 25,504	The Osseo-Fairchild FFA and Agriculture Education Department will be building a raised bed garden that will be used to supply sustainably-produced food to our local community food pantry and the school cafeteria. Students will manage gardens, research, and implement sustainable best practices.
YENC23-196	Learning 4 Life Farm Alpacas for Autism	Amy	Hurst	Learning 4 Life Farm	OH	\$ 6,000	\$ 31,504	Learning 4 Life Farm is creating a 7-acre sustainable farm with organic gardens and therapy alpacas to provide job training and animal assisted alpaca therapy for youth on the autism spectrum.
YENC23-197	Harvest Hope Farm - Farm Camp on Wheels 2023	Lynn	Kotrba	Harvest Hope Farm	MN	\$ 6,000	\$ 37,504	Farm Camp on Wheels is designed to break down transportation and economic barriers by bringing pieces of our traditional Farm Camp to youth in summer school programs and Boys and Girls Club Programs. This program allows us to reach more youth who may not otherwise be able to attend our farm camps.
YENC23-198	That Farmer Looks Like Me: Encouraging Urban Youth to Engage in Farming	Lance	Kraai	New City Neighbors	MI	\$ 5,984	\$ 43,488	This project will encourage high school youth in urban Grand Rapids to consider a career in the food system. The project will intentionally focus on centering Black and Brown producers and entrepreneurs in the food system so that Black and Brown youth begin to image themselves as future farmers.
YENC23-199	YFS Sowing Opportunities for Youth Leadership (SOYL)	Sharon	Oney	Youth & Family Services, Inc.	SD	\$ 6,000	\$ 49,488	Youth & Family Services Garden Education Specialist Gabriella DeMarce will implement the SOYL project with 15+ adolescent youth using Cornell's garden learning curricula and visit several area farms/ranches and a farmers market to explore specific sustainable agriculture practices and careers.

YENC23-201	Teaching Young People About Caring for the Land, Community and Themselves through Sustainable Farming and Gardening Practices	Willie	Patmon	WJP Farms	MI	\$ 6,000	\$ 55,488	WJP Urban Farm's educational programing engages children in sustainable agriculture as a platform for young people to learn. Through a hands-on multi-disciplinary approach that combines emotional development, agriculture and history, young people are prepared to become stewards of their communities.
YENC23-202	Kids Gardening Club Year Round Farm2Table Exploration	Rebecca	Rak	Lodi Family Center	OH	\$ 5,668	\$ 61,156	Lodi Family Center's Kids Gardening Program focuses on nutrition, health, and wellness year-round. We are creating an agriculture classroom in the old school where we are building a Family STEAM Center. Crops will be used by kids to create a Free Produce Bar at our youth after-school Free Kids Cafe.
YENC23-203	Ground School: Educating Young Adults About What's Possible In Sustainable Ag. Careers	Alessandra	Rolffs	Gathering Ground	WI	\$ 5,980	\$ 67,136	A summer internship for young adults who want to learn about sustainable agriculture. An immersive hands-on experience with 10 field days, 3 field trips, and 5 seminar-style discussion based on readings from experts in social responsibility in sustainable farming.
YENC23-204	After School Farm Club at DPSCD's Drew Farm	Laura	Sajdak	Detroit Public Schools Office of School Nutrition Farm & Garden Program	MI	\$ 6,000	\$ 73,136	DPSCD is starting a farm club based at the district's own Drew Farm, the backbone of our Farm to School program. The club will make sustainable agriculture learning more accessible to students, and increase their understanding of local food systems by engaging with a farm in their own community.
YENC23-206	Eric Tanner Hydroponics	Eric	Tanner	Marlington Local School District	OH	\$ 6,000	\$ 79,136	High school horticulture career technical education program implementing a small scale hydroponic production system to mimic a commercial business. The goal of this project will be to educate students and the community on the sustainable methods of producing fresh produce through hydroponics.

YENC23-207	The Zumwalt Acres Apprenticeship Program: An accessible farming experience for educating and empowering emerging growers	Gavrielle	Welbel	Zumwalt Acres	IL	\$ 6,000	\$ 85,136	The Zumwalt Acres Apprenticeship Program (zumwaltacres.org) is a 3-month, hands-on learning experience at a youth-led regenerative farm. Young apprentices live and steward the farm in Sheldon, IL, gaining skills in sustainable agriculture, climate change research, and resilient community building.
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